STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery – Tranche 2

Planning Funds to Address Improved Resiliency to Infrastructure and Public Facilities in Fairfield, New Haven, New London, and Middlesex Counties

Addendum 2: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the grant cover pre-construction of Resiliency measures? If so, does the grant cover projects that are already underway, but could extend the scope of the project if more funding were made available?

Yes, the grant covers pre-construction costs associated with resiliency measures. In addition, if the pre-construction or planning for this resiliency project is underway, it is possible to extend the scope of a project by applying for this Planning Grant.

If so would dam repair and sediment removal qualify?

Planning and preconstruction activities associated with a dam repair and sediment removal would be eligible for funding under this grant. It is important to note that CDBG-DR planning funds cannot be used for the physical dam repair or sediment removal activities.

2. Does the grant cover planning, design and permitting for specific Resiliency activities?

Yes, the Planning Grant can cover the costs associated with planning, design and permitting for specific Resiliency activities.

3. Can the application be a new Resiliency activity or does it have to be a continuation of one that has been funded through previous DOHS Sandy Resiliency grant award?

Yes, the application can be for a new resiliency activity. It does not need to be part of a previously funded CDBG-DR resiliency grant award.

4. Does the grant application have to have a residential housing component to it?

No, there is no requirement for a residential component for the planning grant.

5. Will the design costs and possible replacement costs to a metal seawall, qualify for the grant?

The design and permitting cost are eligible planning activities. The possible replacement cost to the metal sea wall is not eligible under this grant.